

## **RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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September 12, 2018 Minutes of the Property Management and Assisted Housing Committee Meeting

### **Attendance**

**Commissioners:** Jonathan Coleman; Robley Jones; Veronica Blount

**Staff:** Orlando Artze, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Carol Jones-Gilbert, Chief Operating Officer; Charles Williams, Director of Property Management; Cory Wolfe, General Counsel; Stacey Daniels-Fayson, Controller; Ralph Stuckey, Director of Resident Services; Kenyatta Green, Director of Housing Choice Voucher Program; Lt. Jeremy Sayles, Police Liaison; Kerry James, Director of Procurement; Leondra Brown Turner, Recorder of the Minutes

Commissioner Coleman opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

### **A. Updates**

#### **1. Crime Report**

Lt. Sayles reported the Creighton Community to date has a 22% decline in violent crime, a 53% increase in property crime and a 26% increase in major crime; Fairfield community to date has a 63% decrease in violent crime, 56% increase in property crime and a 10% increase in major crime; Gilpin Community to date has a 43% decrease in violent crime, 21% decrease in property crime and 27% decrease in major crime; Hillside Community to date has a 55% increase in violent crime, 17% increase in property crime and 29% increase in major crime; Mosby Community to date has a 4% decrease in violent crime, 5% increase in property crime and 1% increase in major crime; Whitcomb Community has a 13% decrease in violent crime, 13% increase in property crime and 4% increase in major crime. The Big Six, collectively to date, has a 21% decrease in violent crime, 13% increase in property crime and 1% increase in major crime.

#### **2. Summer Youth Activities Highlights**

Staff presented highlights of activities which RRHA youth residents had an opportunity to participate. Activities included Virginia Commonwealth University Battle of the Brain Athletics and Spelling Bee Math Spoken Word Competition. Many youth benefited from the summer breakfast and lunch program while some attend Redskins Camp and other attended basketball camp at the Arthur Ashe Center. Seven youth residents participated in the Mayor's Youth Academy. Seven graduating seniors were the recipients of local scholarships and two received Virginia Association of Housing and Community Development Officials (VAHCDO) scholarships.

Other activities included school book bag giveaways in the Mosby, Whitcomb and Fulton Communities. Hillside conducted a community clean-up campaign and hosted a fine arts program. The Fairfield Community hosted a resource fair that included food, activities for the youth and various vendors.

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**B. New Business**

**3. Hurricane Preparedness**

Staff met in advance of the anticipated hurricane to discuss being prepared. RRHA's hurricane preparedness checklist was revised and a Hurricane Florence Preparedness Guide was created and made available to all residents.

**4. Heat and Cold Weather Preparation**

Staff continues to work to ensure all mandated deadlines are met on the Corrective Action Plan. The budget has been revised to include heat repairs. Procurement has posted Request for Proposals (RFP) for the radiators and the closing date is September 25<sup>th</sup>. Pre-construction meetings will be scheduled thereafter. The current boiler system will be decentralized and all boilers will be assessed next week. Staff is routinely tracking the weather system due to an anticipated cold winter season

**5. Other**

On yesterday staff attended Low Income Tax training. Many of the steps demonstrated have already been implemented making the pending transition to Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) a smoother transition.

**Next meeting** - October 10, 2018

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